

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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DECISION

TOPIC Wildlife Habitat Promotion With Local Entities Program Grant Review

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested for the wildlife habitat grant recommendations. The Department uses revenue derived from the sale of habitat stamps for the acquisition of land, leasing of land, or obtaining easements from willing sellers for use as wildlife habitats and for the development and enhancement of wildlife lands and habitat areas. In compliance with 571 Iowa Administrative Code chapter 23, at least fifty percent of the stamp revenues are apportioned through an application review process to local entities (county conservation boards) on a semiannual basis each year.

The Wildlife Habitat Promotion with Local Entities Program Grant Review Committee met on January 11, 2008, to review a total of 17 county conservation board projects requesting \$1,837,908.11 in Habitat Funds. A total of \$473,000.00 was available for this grant review.

The Department recommends fully funding the top four (4) ranked projects and the remaining funds of \$88,427.00, along with any undistributed funds from previous grant cycles, to the next ranked projects. Undistributed funds may be available from cost savings on other projects and/or previous funds declined by county conservation boards. If the next ranked project declines the partial funding, the Department requests authority to offer those funds to the next highest scored project.

Rank by Score	County	Project	Acres	Grant Request	Grant Awarded	Total Project Cost
1	Buchanan	Cortright Wildlife Area	151	\$61,350.00	\$61,350.00	\$401,350.00
2	Black Hawk	Brett Kilma Wildlife Area	177	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$400,000.00
3	Winnebago	Prairie Lakes Wetland Project	180	\$72,550.00	\$72,550.00	\$172,550.00
4	Hamilton	Grace Addition to Bauer Slough	157	\$150,673.00	\$150,673.00	\$526,733.00
5	Tama	Hansen Addition - Parcels B & D	111.79	\$202,344.61	\$88,427.00	\$269,792.81
6	Hancock	Goodell Timber Expansion	79	\$112,500.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00
7	Chickasaw	Kennedy Acquisition	71	\$56,250.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00
8	Webster	Miller Marsh Addition	164.7	\$131,365.00	\$0.00	\$792,305.00
9	Kossuth	Scuffham Acquisition	127.88	\$145,050.00	\$0.00	\$193,400.00

10	Linn	Buffalo Creek Wildlife Management Unit	37	\$80,475.00	\$0.00	\$107,300.00
11	Humboldt	Pioneer Prairie Pothole Wetland Complex	40	\$127,125.00	\$0.00	\$181,500.00
12	Greene	Horseshoe Bend Addition	42.09	\$63,135.00	\$0.00	\$84,180.00
13	Des Moines	Linder Land Acquisition	127.2	\$222,865.50	\$0.00	\$297,150.00
14	Des Moines	Thye Woods Expansion - Wasson Land	49	\$85,800.00	\$0.00	\$114,400.00
15	Lyon	Plum Creek Wildlife Area	72	\$96,150.00	\$0.00	\$128,200.00
16	Osceola	Bremer Marsh	27	\$23,775.00	\$0.00	\$31,700.00

The Department recommends the Commission to approve the aforementioned projects, as described above.

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